REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this Application and entry of this Amendment is respectfully

requested.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiners withdrawal of the previous rejections under 35

U.S.C. §§102 and 103.

**Double Patenting** 

Claims 1-16 and 33-49 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of

obviousness-type double patenting. A terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c)

is hereby submitted to overcome the provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection

over claims 1-25 of U.S. Patent No. 6,703,046 along with the terminal disclaimer fee.

**Conclusion** 

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant believes all the pending claims are in condition for

allowance and should be passed to issue. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any

additional fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to

Deposit Account No. 01-2525. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any

way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at

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